

Outbreaks of Illness: 2011 End of Year Report



Outbreaks occur when there is an increase in the number of disease cases, above what would normally be expected within a specific place or group of people and within a certain period of time. In 2011, 148 outbreaks were investigated by Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH). Of those 148 outbreaks, 1 was ruled out. This report describes trends and provides summary statistics for outbreaks occurring in Maricopa County in 2011. For more information, please contact the Office of Epidemiology at MCDPH (602) 372-2605.

Characteristics of Reported Outbreaks: Maricopa County, 2011			
Year Total*	Number of Persons III per Outbreak [†]		
147	2 190 8	=Minimum =Maximum =Median	
*1 reported outbreak was later ruled-out and not included in this summary #For cases whom information was available			

2011 Outbreaks by Etiology			
Gastrointestinal	75 (51%)	Respiratory	21 (14%)
E. coli	1 (1%)	Influenza	3 (2%)
Giardia	1 (1%)	Influenza-like Illness	4 (2%)
Norovirus	39 (26%)	Mycoplasma Pneumonia	1 (1%)
Salmonella	7 (5%)	Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)	1 (1%)
Gastrointestinal- Unknown Type	27 (18%)	Strep Throat (Type A, non-invasive)	6 (4%)
		Respiratory- Unknown Type	6 (4%)
Other	17 (11%)		
Conjunctivitis	5 (3%)	Vaccine-Preventable	25 (17%)
Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease	7 (5%)	Pertussis	2 (1%)
Head Lice	4 (2%)	Varicella	23 (16%)
Mercury Contamination	1 (1%)		
Rash	9 (6%)		
Staphylococcal Skin Infection	1 (1%)		
Scabies	8 (5%)		







